

## **Mt. Auburn Community Council February 2016 Agenda:**

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- 6. Old Business**
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  2. Zoning
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- 7. New Business**
- 8. Announcements**
- 9. Adjourn**

## January 2016 Mt. Auburn Community Council Agenda

### 1. Call to order - 7:01 Cathy Ingram

**Officers Present:** Daniel Traicoff, Cathy Ingram, Anthony Thompson, Anne Shannon, Rod Brown, Steve Gibbs, Ken Farmer, Tom Rotte, Carol Gibbs, Anna Linders, Sandi Allen

**Not Present:** Aiden Thompson, Stan Broadnax

### 2. Moment of silence - The moment was observed

### 3. December Minutes - Steve Gibbs moves for approval, Anthony seconds. Unanimous.

### 4. Presentations

#### a. Safety - CPD

Officer Erica Brazile spoke first. Overall the numbers are very good, except for theft from autos. CPD is putting out more letters letting people know how to help avoid theft from autos. District 4 Captain spoke about the District 4 session that occurred last week. He notes that there are 142 officers in district 4. Taking out the supervisors, detectives, and plain clothes officers there are 85 officers in district 4. Per shift there are 12 officers working covering 10 neighborhoods. While there are overlapping shifts and increased visibility in summertime, these are the typical numbers. Carol Gibbs asks about typical response times, the response is that depending on the priority of the issue will determine the amount of time response. He also notes that adding police officers doesn't necessarily help reduce crimes or response times. Other notes are that CPD now has an online reporting tool. One member asks how to handle individuals sitting outside of houses or at a corner. Unless there are calls about a suspicious activity, the police can do nothing because of a lack of anti-loitering law in Cincinnati. Officer Brazile will bring a map of "hot spots" to the next Community Council meeting. Cathy will get Daniel a copy of the District 4 report to put on the website. Cathy notes that Mt. Auburn is not included in the UC Safety committee, especially since the UC Shooting occurred in Mt. Auburn.

#### b. Uptown Properties - Dan Schimberg

Dan Schimber is the founder and owner of Uptown Rental Properties. He notes that he is interested in working in Mt. Auburn due to the growth of Uptown and Downtown. Most of the work will be on Vine, Reading, Auburn, and Highland. His first work will be off of Auburn Ave due to the current investment (mostly Christ Hospital and Gods Bible School) and access. The two main properties are corner of Auburn and McMicken and a six acre parcel

bound by Auburn, Wellington, Glencoe, and Inwood Park. He currently owns both and will make a 60 studio apartment in the latter properties. They will be affordable and worker apartments. Additionally there are 1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments. Currently there are no apartments like this in Mt. Auburn. His definition of affordable is based off of HUD, 1/3 of the mean income in Cincinnati. If you earn \$15 an hour and work 40 hours a week you can afford this building. All buildings will be secure. Currently Uptown is lobbying to widen Auburn Ave and streetscape Auburn Ave, remove the Glencoe Light, and add additional cross walks. Uptown Properties will help fund Inwood Park through their own money and additional fundraising. Dan asks for a letter of support from the Mt. Auburn Community Council. They are planning to make the zoning accessible for the Community Council to have votes and voices on the facade and looks of the building. Uptown has not purchased any property on the south side of Glencoe, it is currently owned by Western and Southern, Christ Hospital is attempting to buy that property, they do not have plans to develop it but are using it to protect their property. They are currently doing no work on Reading Road. The entire building is 100% handicapped accessible. All buildings that Uptown uses are local firms, specifically minority inclusion. Construction will take about one year. They are also looking at doing a retirement facility somewhere in Mt. Auburn. Currently there are no plans for service or commercial zone in that area. Currently the Inwood Parks plan need to be revisited, the hope is to spend a few million on the park to clean up the buildings, trees, add new walkways, a viewing vista of Downtown, landscaping. Some members note that there need to be a new playground for the park. Dan read a draft letter of support, Cathy notes that we will need to review it before we approve the letter. Steve Gibbs moves to approve the letter as is. Dan notes that in Corryville they have a committee that works on projects with Uptown such as this. Jon Vogt suggests to add a line saying that "Inclusion and engagement from the community for all future and current Mt. Auburn activities" and the creation of an ad-hoc committee to work with Dan Schimberg on the creation of an ad-hoc committee. Cathy notes that it should be a diverse and large committee. Mary McDonald seconds the motion and amendments. Unanimous.

- c. **Walking School Bus** - Andrea Henderson spoke about the Allegiance Project Walking School Bus, hers is the first one anywhere. The Department of Justice gave their program \$5 million in up to 15 schools to create a walking school bus. William Howard Taft is the next installment. The Walking School Bus will walk kids who live less than a mile from the school that starts before 7:30am, to school. They will pick up children at specific times at specific locations, just like a normal yellow school bus. They will use the "behavior game" to improve behavior and good decisions to reduce referral rates at school, all based on positive reinforcement. The "conductors" are paid \$10/hour for up to 4 hours a day, 5 days

a week. (\$200 a week). They should be very positive people to give positive support for the kids. There will be two routes for Taft Elementary School, this will not overlap any other current routes. There is a 3 week training that begins next week. They all use a tablet to check the kids in and out.

## 5. Committee Reports

- a. **Treasurer** - Anthony notes that it fits on the new fiscal year (June 31st - July 1st). \$41 deposited, \$6,800 deposit from NSP as restricted funds. Cathy notes that this should be listed as separate and restricted. Our former treasurer should be working with Anthony to fix insurance payments. Anna moves to approve. Tom seconds. Anna clarifies that all postage spending from now on should come from NSP. Daniel notes that we have money set aside for storage and asks for volunteers. Unanimous.
- b. **Communication** - We are working on improving distributing newsletters or some kind of communication. The goal is to find "Street captains" to help distribute the newsletters or an oversized post card that lists upcoming events, meetings, and asks for email addresses and more street captains. If you have not received emails please contact [mtauburncincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:mtauburncincinnati@gmail.com)
- c. **By Laws** - Met on Saturday for 3 hours and went line by line of the new by laws. Will come with a first reading in the February meeting. The goal is to approve the by-laws in March.
- d. **Membership** - Actively renewing 2016 memberships. \$3 for residents, \$25 for businesses. The PDF of this application is online.

## 6. Liaison/Partner Reports

- a. **Mt. Auburn Chamber of Commerce** - Daniel reported on the election results and invited everyone to attend future meetings. The upcoming President Debbie Ooten will be attending a future meeting.
- b. **Taft LSDMC** - Discussion on 21st Century Grant removing the 3rd year grant money from Taft Elementary. Carol would like to have someone from Preschool Promise attend our meeting.
- c. **Mt. Auburn Community Development Corporation** - No report.
- d. **Uptown Consortium** - Meeting on the 26th of January to discuss the Uptown Streetcar connection.
- e. **Other**

- i. Zoning meeting will be on the 20th of January to discuss Mt. Auburn zoning changes.
- ii. Primary is on March 15th, there are four currently running for the 32nd district House of Representatives.
- iii. Discussion on Center for Closing the Health Gap not being active in Mt. Auburn.

## 7. Old Business

- a. No one has heard whether the area that Christ Hospital uses as a parking zone (Huntington and Melbourne) has been rezoned. Cathy notes that a member of the zoning board will come to the Board Meeting in February.

## 8. New Business

- a. Winter Picnic on the 31st from 12:30 - 2:30 at Holy Name Cincinnati (2422 Auburn Avenue)
- b. There is an open position on the board of trustees. Cathy suggests adding Deb Heeter, but Carol recommends that we have elections next month to follow the by laws.
- c. Aiden is no longer considered a trustee due to his lack of attendance.
- d. Due to Aiden's and Shannon's vacancy, during the February meeting we will hold two elections for the open positions.

## 9. Correspondence

10. Adjourn - Carlton motions. Anthony seconds. Unanimous at 8:50pm.